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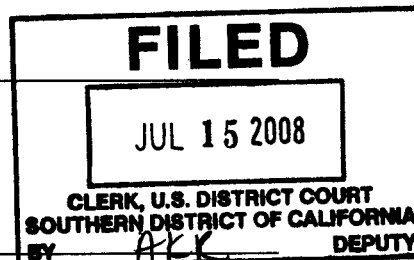
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USCA9 No.: 08-50310
D.C. No.: 3:07-cr-03355-LAB-2
Short Title: USA v. Mark Neel



Dear Counsel:

A copy of your notice of appeal/petition has been received in the Clerk's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The U.S. Court of Appeals docket number shown above has been assigned to this case. You must indicate this Court of Appeal docket number whenever you communicate with this court regarding this case. Please furnish this docket number immediately to the court reporter if you place an order, or have placed an order, for portions of the trial transcripts. The court reporter will need this docket number when communicating with this court.

Payment of the \$455.00 U.S. Court of Appeals docket fee is past due. The fee is payable to the Clerk of the District Court, Tax Court or the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for an appeal, and to the Clerk of this court in an agency case or original proceeding.

No papers may be filed with the court until the docket fee requirement has been satisfied. If the docket fee is not paid within ten days of the filing of the notice of appeal, dismissal proceedings will be commenced. 9th Cir. R. 42-1.

The following information is being provided in an attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding the appellate process. Please review this information very carefully. For convenience, we use the term "Circuit Rules" instead of "Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit" and "FRAP" instead of "Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure."

Enclosed with this letter is an appellate processing schedule along with a case processing checklist to help you monitor the progress of your case.

Appellants/Petitioners who are filing pro se should refer to the accompanying information sheet regarding the filing of informal briefs.

Failure of the appellant to comply with the time schedule order may result in dismissal of the appeal.

Please read the enclosed materials carefully.